

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Tomonori KAWAKAMI, et al.	)	Confirmation No.: 3572
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Application No.: 10/579,755	)	Group Art Unit: 3725
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Filed: May 18, 2006	)	Examiner: Faye Francis
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For: MICROPARTICLES,	)	
MICROPARTICLE PRODUCTION	)	
METHOD, AND MICROPARTICLE	)	
PRODUCTION APPARATUS	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
**Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment**  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

In an Office Action dated June 8, 2010, the period for response to which runs through July 8, 2010, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 372 between the claims of Group I (claims 1-14) allegedly drawn to “a microparticle production method of photo-pulverizing a substance,” Group II (claims 15-17) allegedly drawn to “a microparticle production apparatus that photo-pulverizing a substance including a cooling means,” Group III (claims 18-25 and 27-31) allegedly drawn to “a microparticle production apparatus that photo-pulverizing a substance including a gel body,” and Group IV (claim 26) allegedly drawn to “microparticles.”

Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-14) for examination.

Applicants respectfully request formal examination of this application.